

# California Energy Commission Collaborative State Transmission Assessment Workshop

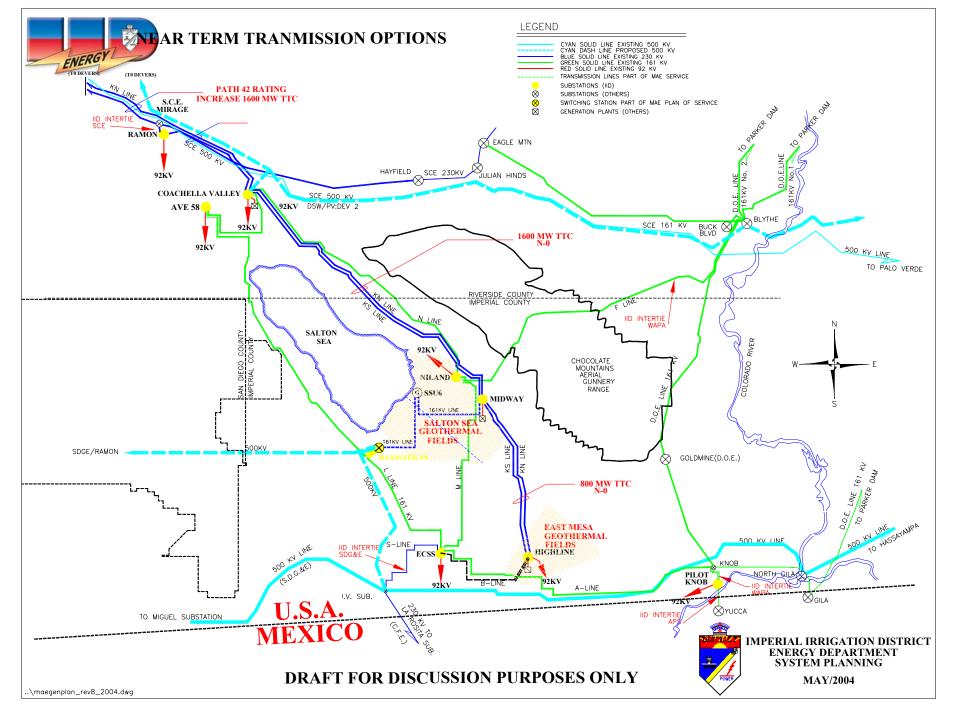
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## Existing Geothermal Resources in IID's Control Area

- IID's 230 kV Collector System envisioned to accommodate existing and future geothermal resources
- 510 MW of geothermal generation currently wheeled through 230 kV radial collector system and IID grid
  - 340 MW located at the Salton Sea Geothermal fields
  - 90 MW located at the East Mesa area
  - 80 MW located at the Heber, CA area





#### Physical Transmission Constraints

- Path 42 (IID-SCE) 600 MW rating fully subscribed (South to North)
- Existing Transmission Congestion at Imperial Valley and Blythe substations would prevent additional geothermal resources delivery to any of these two control area inter-ties



#### Preferred Interconnection(s)

- To IID's 230 kV Collector System at Midway substation
- With Path 42 upgrade (Coachella Valley Mirage/Devers), this interconnection will support up to 600 MW (Phase I) of new geothermal generation resources
- It can be staged to accommodate a phase development
- Additional geothermal exports to Mirage / Devers could affect SCE's operations



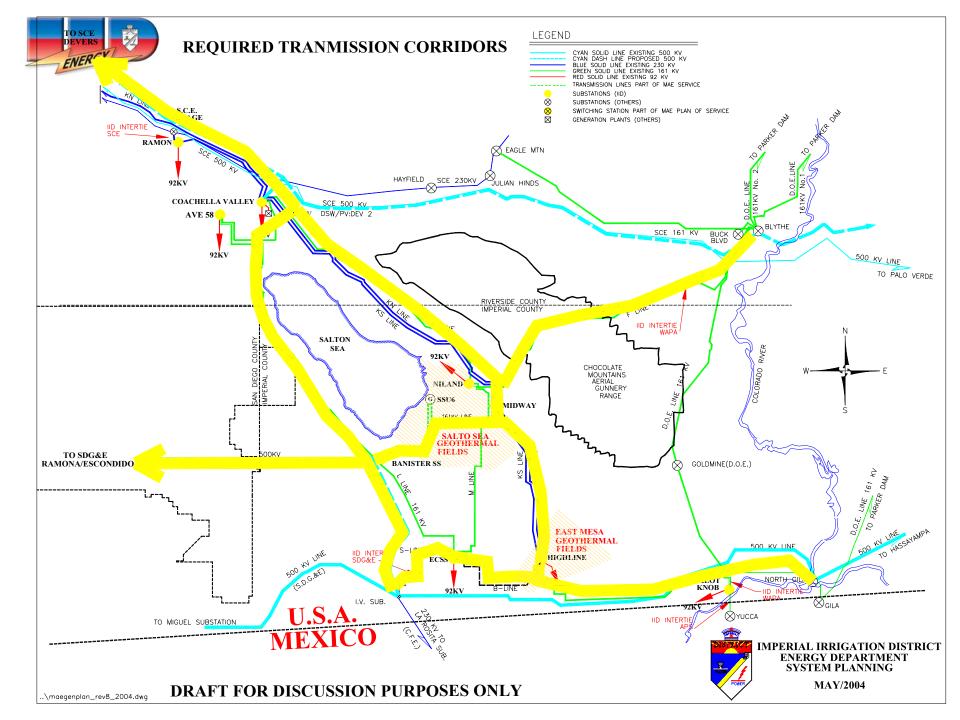
## Foreseeable Future Transmission Line Needs to Accommodate Phase I (600 MW)

- 230 kV Coachella Valley-Mirage/Devers transmission lines need to be upgraded to two conductors per phase
- Interconnect Coachella Valley Switching Station to 500 kV transmission system east of Devers
- Upgrade IID's existing 161, and 230 kV transmission lines to higher voltage
- El Centro Switching Station Highline 230 kV interconnection



## Interconnection Alternative for Phase II (over 600 MW of New Geothermal Resources)

- Proposed 500 kV line from IV to SDGE can be looped into IID's switching station to be located nearby Salton Sea area (Bannister)
- New 500 kV line from Midway or Bannister to Coachella Valley/Devers switching stations





#### Conclusions

- System analysis (power flows and Stability) needs to be done to identify local and regional system impacts and most effective transmission system upgrades
- IID's long term transmission expansion plans could incorporate geothermal additions/exports needs (via OATT requests)
- Support is required to facilitate transmission enhancements (i.e. environmental, land use, archeological, BLM, tribal land, etc.)